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To: Counterterrorism

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Title: PENTBOMB;
TWIN TOWERS BOMBING;
MULTISTATE BOMBING;
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Synopsis: Translation of the interview, conducted by German authorities, of the girlfriend of Ziad JARRAH.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for receiving offices is a fax copy of the original interview, in German.

Reference: TP 1309.

Details: On 9/13/01, the German Police Department in Bochum, Germany received a call from Aysel SENGUEN, dob [redacted] pob Stuttgart, Germany, advising that she was no longer able to reach her boyfriend, Ziad JARRAH, dob 5/11/75, pob Lebanon, who was attending a Flight School in Florida. Subsequently, SENGUEN was interviewed by German authorities. Berlin

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previously provided a brief summary of the results of the interview. Now enclosed is the fax copy of the entire original interview in German. The following is the English translation:

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Police Headquarters Bochum

Harne, September 13, 2001

Sub-Unit: State Security

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Examination of Witness

The following witness was taken to the office:

Name: S e n g ü n
First name: Aysel
DOB: [redacted] Stuttgart
Address: Stepeler Str. 75, Apt. 43, 44801 Bochum
Nationality: German Phone: [redacted]

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At the beginning of the examination, the witness was advised of the subject of the examination:

The witness was advised that she must tell the truth.

Prior to the examination, the witness was advised that she might decline to answer those questions where the response might place the witness herself or a close relative in danger to be prosecuted for a crime or an infringement of the law.

(Privilege of a witness to decline to answer questions for personal reasons § 52 StPO.)

Furthermore, the witness was strongly reminded of §§ 145 d, 164 StGB (Pretence of a crime/ false pretenses.)

/s/

Advised by: Lemmnis, KK

The witness provided the following declaration:

I am not related to the accused, neither by blood nor by marriage.

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Through my signature, I confirm that I have acknowledged and understood the aforementioned instructions regarding my legal rights and obligations and that I will provide truthful statements.

Signature: /s/ Aysel Sengün

I am turning to the police because I am seriously concerned about my Lebanese friend. He has been residing in Florida since June of last year. This is where he attended a private flight school and attempted to obtain his pilot's license,

In view of the terrorist attack which occurred this week in the United States of America, as well as media reports, I am afraid that something may have happened to my friend. Since this time, I have not heard from him. My last telephone conversation with him took place on Tuesday, 9/11/2001, around 3 pm. This conversation was held in a normal atmosphere and at no time appeared conspicuous. He asked how I was doing and told me that he loved me. At this time, I was still in the hospital after I had my tonsils removed. By the way, I was just released from the hospital today.

First of all, I would like to state that my friend is the following person:

Ziad JARRAH

DOB: 5/11/1975 in Lebanon

Address: Miami, Florida.

We met in 1996 in Greifswald. One month later we entered into a close relationship. We have been a couple since then. At that time, I still resided at Greifswald. Ziad was my neighbor at the local private training college. He moved in five or six months after I did.

Approximately three years ago, during the winter semester, I moved from Greifswald to Bochum where I was accepted at a university. At that time, I moved to the dormitory "House Michael," Laerholzstr. 3, Bochum. Approximately four years ago, Ziad moved from Greifswald to Hamburg in order to study aircraft construction at the local training college. Originally, he wanted to study dentistry. However, he was never accepted at a university.

In June of last year, I moved from Laerholzstr. to the dormitory located at Stiepeler Str. This is still my current residence. I would like to move to Stuttgart in October. This is where my parents live. I will move into their apartment. They reside at Taubenstr. 9

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at 70199 Stuttgart. I will be an intern at the hospital in Stuttgart. You see, I am studying medicine.

Despite the distance between Hamburg and Bochum, we tried to meet on a regular basis every two weeks. However, it was he who mostly visited me. He used public transportation and normally stayed from Friday to Sunday. I have been to Hamburg to see him three or four times only. This is where he subleased a room from an older couple in Hamburg-Poppenbüttel. Their name is [redacted] When her husband died, [redacted] Hamburg. My friend Ziad practically moved along [with her.]

Since January or February 2000, my friend has no longer attended any of the lectures at the technical college of higher education in Hamburg. Even during that time, he told me about friends who obtained their pilot licenses during their time in the German military. He apparently was very interested in flying even as a child. I believe this was the reason why he discontinued his studies. Nevertheless, he is still registered at the technical college of higher education in Hamburg, since he may, at some time, want to continue his studies there. His parents who reside in Beirut, Lebanon, allegedly financed his studies. I believe his parents are very well off financially. In August of this year, I travelled to Beirut alone to attend the wedding of his sister. I also met his parents there. They have a rather modern attitude. Ziad was not at the wedding personally for he was unable to get away from flying.

In June 2000, Ziad went to America. This is where he attended a flight school in Venice, Florida. He obtained his pilot's license for single engine aircraft. He passed a test and was then permitted to fly solo. I visited him in January of this year. He then flew with me to Key West. Ziad flew himself.

Ziad's father had a heart attack in February. He then flew to Beirut to visit him. Thereafter, he returned to the United States. Then he changed flight schools and went from Venice to Miami. I am not even in a position to provide you with the names of the flight schools. There are very many of them. However, I know that the name of the owner of the flight school in Venice is "Arne" and makes arrangements for Germans to attend. I don't know whether this Arne is residing in Germany or in America. Ziad resided at Venice in a communal residence, directly on the property of the flight school. (X) ¹
I was never very interested in things regarding flying.

¹(X) Change/ correction:

Ziad's communal residence is not located on the property of the flight school but in the near proximity.

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I always booked flights to and from Beirut via Germany or only to Germany for him since this was cheaper. After his visit to Beirut in February of this year, he stayed with me in Bochum for a few more days.

We saw each other last at the end of July of this year. He spent approximately 10 to 14 days with me at Bochum. We both stayed at my apartment in Bochum. We spent the entire time together. During this time, I did not study but spent all the time alone with him. Ziad has no contacts at all in Bochum. We never met with anyone else at that time.

Ziad has only one relative in Germany. This is his cousin. His name is [redacted] and he resides at Greifswald where he is operating a pizza parlor. Its name is [redacted] and is located at [redacted] However, Ziad and he are no longer on speaking terms and are no longer in touch with each other. I don't know any other acquaintances or friends of his in Germany. I know his family in Lebanon, as stated above. b6 b7C

Somehow he always prevented me from meeting his people/ acquaintances. He was never interested in meeting my friends here either. That was alright for me since we wanted to spend the little time we had alone.

During the time when Ziad resided in Venice, we kept in touch through e-mail. But from the time in Miami, we no longer did. He probably would have had to always use an internet café. That was too inconvenient for him so that we were in touch by phone only.

We rarely had written contact. Writing was simply not his thing. I believe that during the entire five years, I perhaps received two letters and a few cards from him. I will give you the cards. You may keep them until the situation has been clarified and I know what happened to my friend. I do want them back later, in any case.

Looking back, we spoke on the phone almost daily. I called him more often than he did me. During recent months, he frequently had different telephone numbers. The most recently used current numbers are: 0019548013169 and 0019547710620. However, I am not totally certain of the phone number mentioned last. I would have to check my phone bills at home.

I spoke to him on the phone last on Tuesday, 9/11/2001, I believe it was between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. I believe it was rather 3 p.m. He called me. I took the call in my room at the Catholic Hospital in Hattingen Blankenstein. He called me frequently during the week. I believe it was on Thursday, on Saturday, on Sunday and on Tuesday. However, I don't remember precisely.

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The telephone connection last Tuesday was good. There were no background noises. During the phone call xx ², a lady from the nursing staff came to my room and asked what I wanted to eat the following day. I tried to put her off for five minutes. She absolutely did not want to wait and I was not able to concentrate on the call with my friend. Our telephone conversation was practically disrupted by the nurse when I then kept it brief and told my friend good-bye.

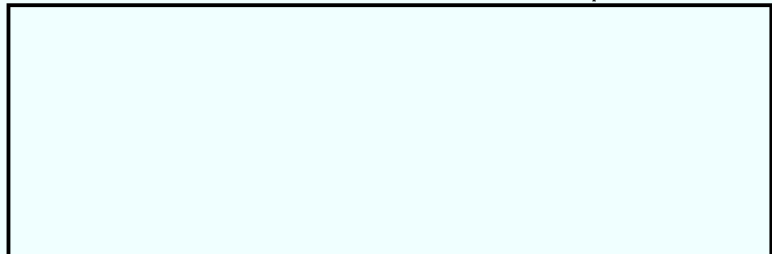
In the evening, it must have been around 5 p.m. or 6 p.m., I found out about the attack in the U.S. At this time, however, I did not worry about my friend since the distance between New York and Miami is rather great.

On Wednesday, at approximately 1 p.m., I tried to call my friend in Miami on his cell phone (001-954-8013169.) After three rings, there was an automated announcement in English that the person called could not be reached at that time.

I tried to call several times on this day but I never reached him. There was always the same announcement from a tape. I was unable to leave a message on the mailbox (X).³ I did not call his regular phone number since I did not store it in my cell phone. I had hoped that he would call me at the hospital before evening. However, he never did so.

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On Thursday, this is today, I was released from the hospital. This was shortly after 10 a.m. Actually, I was to be released tomorrow. I did not try to reach him again by phone. My friend and fellow student,



picked me up from the hospital. First, we drove home to [redacted] since this is where my cat was. [redacted] had taken care of her during the time of my hospital stay. Thereafter, we drove to my house together.

² Correction: /s/

³ He does not have a mailbox.

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This is where my friend dropped me off and then drove home. Then I unpacked my things and placed several phone calls. The telephone calls all concerned my upcoming move to Stuttgart in October. Then I took a shower.

At approximately 2:30 p.m. I played back my answering machine. At the same time, [REDACTED]

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arrived at my apartment. There were a total of two messages on my answering machine. The first message came from the flight school in Florida. The caller's name was [REDACTED] I know him from sight from a past visit to the flight school in January of this year. He is the [REDACTED]. His message sounded something like this: "This is a message for Ziad. This is the voice of [REDACTED]"

Even prior to my release from the hospital, I saw on television that in Florida, in a flight school, two Arabian men are [successfully] completing pilots' training, who were brought in in connection with the attack. These men are said to have resided at Hamburg at one time as well.

This information on television frightened me terribly since there were similarities to my friend. Additionally, there was the message from the flight school on my answering machine. This upset me terribly since it was very unusual that they call here. I was previously never called by them here. I only remember one call from the agent for the flight school in Germany who requested money from Ziad. That was approximately one month ago. Ziad was in America at this time. I informed Ziad of the phone call. He commented only that he no longer owed them any money.

[REDACTED] he is a physician in Rheine, she received the phone number of the head of the state security in Münster. I don't know from where the father obtained the phone number. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] came to my apartment.

Then I called the head there myself. His name is [REDACTED] or something like that. Within a few minutes, I described to him the worries and concerns I had. He then told me he would inform [REDACTED] police and they would come by my [home.] I should wait for them there.

Then they arrived at my place.

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I am turning over to the police for further processing any written documentation from Ziad, such as postcards from him and letters addressed to him from the AOK [health insurance], the Hamburg Technical College of Higher Education, from a/the travel agency, as well as a dental document [confirmation of costs.]
I have received the corresponding copies.

I will be at the apartment of my parents in Stuttgart from the beginning of October. For this reason, I ask that the police call me on my cell phone and send letters without any police return address to me. I do not want to encounter any difficulties in explaining matters to my parents. My parents were opposed to a relationship/marriage between Ziad and me. For this reason, I kept my relationship with Ziad a secret. My parents would prefer that I marry a Turk. They don't know that I am still maintaining a relationship with him. He asked my father for my hand three years ago, but was thrown out of the house by him. They have rather great reservations against Arabs.

I am not able to say any more regarding the entire occurrence. I am available to you for any additional questions.

Finally, I am asked by the undersigned to call the phone number located on my answering machine of the flight school in Florida. I agree to do so.

First attempt (approximately 10 p.m.):

A male voice is answering on the other end of the line and ha^{b6} up_{b7c} after Mrs. Sangün says her first name.

Second attempt (two minutes later):

A female voice answers in English and promises, after Ms. Sengün introduced herself, that she would be connected immediately. After a short while, a male voice answers, who after some questioning informs Mrs. Sengün that Ziad is wanted by the police in connection with the attack on Tuesday. When asked about the location, Ms. Sengün is unable to provide any information. Then she is told that her friend was no longer alive. Finally, the person who was called asked whether Ms. Sengün could still be reached under the telephone number and address they knew in Bochum.

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Frankfurt Sub-Office is requested to interview [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
Greifswald, Germany and provide results.

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